

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The use is described of derivatives of  $\alpha$ -phenylthiocarboxylic and  $\alpha$ -phenyloxycarboxylic acids with formula (i): in which the substituents have the meanings described in the text, for the preparation of a medicine for the prophylaxis and treatment of diabetes, particularly type 2 diabetes, its complications, the various forms of insulin resistance, and hyperlipidaemias.